

4252-0119PUS1
MAILED MAY 25 2006

Docket No.: 4252-0119PUS1
(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Masaru TANAKA et al.

Application No.: NEW

Confirmation No.:

Filed: May 25, 2006

Art Unit: N/A

For: CELL GROWTH INHIBITING FILM,
MEDICAL INSTRUMENT AND DIGESTIVE
SYSTEM STENT

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

MS PCT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement accompanies the new patent application submitted herewith.

A summary/abstract translation of the non-English language references is enclosed. Please note, JP-2002-335949-A & JP-2003-149096-A are cited on Page 1 of the Specification. JP-2001-327609-A is cited on Page 2 of the Specification.

Application No.: NEW

Docket No.: 4252-0119PUS1

A copy of only those references listed below is attached:

For. Doc No.	Ctry	Patentee/Applicant	Publication Date
2001-157574	JP		June 12, 2001
2002-347107	JP		December 4, 2002
2003-102849	JP		April 8, 2003
2004-024616	JP		January 29, 2004
2001-149061	JP		June 5, 2001
2002-335949	JP		November 26, 2002
2003-149096	JP		May 21, 2003
2001-327609	JP		November 27, 2001

A concise explanation of relevance of the items listed on form PTO/SB/08 is in the form of an English language copy of a Search Report from a foreign patent office, issued in a counterpart application, which refers to the relevant portions of the references.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 CFR 1.56(a) exists. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(h), the filing of this Information Disclosure statement shall not be construed to be an admission that any patent, publication or other information referred to therein is "prior art" for this invention unless specifically designated as such.

It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

Application No.: NEW

Docket No.: 4252-0119PUS1

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Dated: May 25, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

By Marc S. Weiner (Reg. No. 32,181)

Marc S. Weiner

Registration No.: 32,181

BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP

8110 Gatehouse Road

Suite 100 East

P.O. Box 747

Falls Church, Virginia 22040-0747

(703) 205-8000

Attorney for Applicant

104580648

PTO/SB/08a/b (07-05)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/B/PTO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT <i>(Use as many sheets as necessary)</i>				Complete if Known	
				Application Number	NEW
				Filing Date	May 25, 2006
				First Named Inventor	Masaru TANAKA
				Art Unit	N/A
				Examiner Name	Not Yet Assigned
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	4252-0119PUS1

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number Number-Kind Code ² (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Country Code ³ -Number ⁴ -Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				
	BA	JP-2001-157574-A	06-12-2001			ISR
	BB	JP-2002-347107-A	12-04-2002			ISR
	BC	JP-2003-102849-A	04-08-2003			ISR
	BD	JP-2004-024616-A	01-29-2004			ISR
	BE	JP-2001-149061-A	06-05-2001			ISR
	BF	JP-2002-335949-A	11-26-2002			ABS
	BG	JP-2003-149096-A	05-21-2003			ABS
	BH	JP-2001-327609-A	11-27-2001			ABS

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T ²
	CA	NISHIKAWA, T. et al., Mesoscopic patterning of cell adhesive substrates as novel biofunctional interfaces, Materials Science & Engineering, C: Biomimetic and Supramolecular Systems, 1999, C10 (1-2), 141-146.	
	CB	NISHI, S. et al., Development of a novel highfunctional covered stent with micropore and drug delivery performance., Japanese Journal of Artificial Organs, 2000, Vol. 29, No. 1, pages 257-263.	

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
--------------------	--	-----------------	--